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SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Del Monte Annual Session of 1939.—Once again, the members of the California Medical Association have held an annual session, the sixty-eighth, replete with many gatherings and conferences on scientific and organization problems of more than usual importance. When one is called on to provide all the immediate and accessory needs for the various meetings of an annual session, the many activities of the working units in the State Association make a special impression. This, however, need not be a matter of surprise, since the California Medical Association has more than six thousand members; and also because, at its annual conventions, the medical work requires detailed provision for twelve well organized scientific sections, and also for activities depicted by the scientific exhibits presented by individual members. Related work of affiliated groups was portrayed at three well attended microscopic and x-ray conferences held on the Sunday preceding the session proper, under the auspices of the Cancer Commission. Of value also were the clinical conferences under the lead of the California Heart Association. And not to be forgotten are the technical or commercial exhibits.

In addition to the above expressions of scientific medicine, and of equal interest and importance, were those relating to organized medicine, as manifested in the meetings of the House of Delegates and Council, with the practically all-day sessions of its reference committees, before whom members appeared to discuss questions of policy. Of equal allure were the general meetings at which guest speakers and officers of the Association brought affairs of pertinent interest to the attention of the entire membership.

In surveying the proceedings of the last Del Monte session, therefore, it may be said that recent years, marked as they have been in medical circles by marvelous advances in scientific knowledge, and also by increasing complexity and unrest in economic and social welfare matters, have added increasing responsibilities for California Medical Association members. Our Society, it-

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